### Murphysboro City Council Meeting June 14, 2016

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mayor Stephens led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Russell Brown, Gary McComb, John Erbes, Gloria

Campos, Tom Ridings

**Absent:** Herb Voss, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

#### **Motion Carried**

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #637, #638 and #639 through June 14, 2016, accounts receivable through June 14, 2016 and payroll through June 14, 2016. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

### **Motion Carried**

### REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

#### COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of May 23, 2016

Motion: To approve paying accounts payable register #634, #635 and #636 through 5/23/16.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the FY 2015 Audit as presented by Kerber, Eck & Braeckel.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Campos

Alderman Bratton called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

**Motion: To accept Scott Evans reports.** 

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of May 23, 2016.

Motion: To approve drafting a letter stating a time table of two weeks for scaffolding removal and 60 days for the roof and window repairs or replacement at the Old Depot.

Motion by Alderman Campos Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To approve the transfer of property from Mark Kennedy in exchange for a tax credit when the necessary paperwork is completed.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Erbes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To approve the purchase of the property across from the public works building for \$15,000.00.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Community Relations Committee meeting of May 23, 2016.

### Motion: To approve the sound system bid for the Sunset Concerts of \$1700 from Robco.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Campos

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

## Motion: To approve the request by Egyptian Electric to be added to the Enterprise Zone.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Campos

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of May 23, 2016.

No action taken. Attorney Heller stated that the Ameren lawyers were looking at the agreement.

Public Works Committee Meeting of May 23, 2016.

## Motion: To approve the annual Motor Fuel Oil & Chip Program Resolution in the amount of \$66,657.94.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Brown

Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Brown, Alderman McComb, Alderman Erbes.

Alderman Campos

Navs: Alderman Ridings

**Motion carried** 

#### Motion: To recommend not to blacktop Sandra Court at a cost of \$29,000.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion carried** 

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new truck bed for the sewer plant versus buying a new truck. It was determined more information was required and the issue would be discussed at committee meeting with Jim Stewart.

# Motion: To table the issue of purchasing a new truck bed for the sewer plant at a cost of \$5750.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion carried** 

Public Safety Committee meeting of May 23, 2016.

# Motion: To approve the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance as presented.

Motion by Alderman Campos Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Personnel Committee meeting of May 23, 2016.

## Motion: To appoint Brain Manwaring as the Emergency Management Director effective 6/1/16.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Seconded by Alderman Campos

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

## Motion: To approve the annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance as required by the State of Illinois.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

### **Motion Carried**

Discussion was held regarding bidding out the remaining real estate surplus property and it was determined more discussion was needed at the committee level.

# Motion: To table the issue of approving the bid-out of the remaking real estate surplus property.

Motion by Alderman Erbes Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

### **Motion Carried**

Alderman McComb discussed giving three small plots on Third and Fourth Street to Mrs. Robinson, a resident living adjacent to the church. She will keep the property mowed and nothing can be done with the property since it floods. Since we had advertised before and received no bids on the plots we can proceed.

## Motion: To approve giving to Mrs. Robinson the three properties on Third and Fourth Street.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Motion: To approve the amendment to the Ordinance on Side-by-Side ATV's.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Brown, Alderman McComb, Alderman Campos,

Alderman Ridings Nays: Alderman Erbes,

**Motion Carried** 

### **ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Barb Hughes Nothing

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb Regarding the city wide clean-up we need to explore how to

advertise to citizens. We need to do a better job of advertising

and give tickets if resident don't haul off on clean-up day.

John Erbes Stated that the city of Murphysboro and 17<sup>th</sup> Street BBQ were

featured in an article in a magazine on Delta Airlines.

Gloria Campos Concerns regarding energy vendors coming to her door. What

about the weeds in streets, can we spray weeds? Weeds are bad at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Christian Academy and especially the brick streets are bad. Mayor requested she bring in locations.

Tom Ridings On the north corner on Tina Drive and 17<sup>th</sup> Street there are

communication wires or electric wires leaning over on the street. We need to get Ameren or Frontier out to repair.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Ed Heller Update on traffic case fees not getting collected. Starting 7/8/16

we will be getting fees. Thanks to Chief Hollo for bringing this

issue up.

Sandra Ripley Youth & Rec roof repairs; do we bill the park district for that

portion which is not the loading dock area? We will re-discuss

at committee as to whether they reimburse us or not.

Harold Sheffer Sludge hauling issue. Perry Ridge Landfill gave a cheaper bid:

however they want a three year contract.

Steven Swafford Asked about his raise.

Brian Hollo Leslie informed him that the energy group Alderman Campos

was concerned about had requested a permit; however, they were turned down and they said they wouldn't fill out paperwork

anyway.

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing

Motion: To go into executive session at 7:53 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) regarding collective negotiating matters and the contract proposal between the city and its employees or their representatives

Motion by Alderman Erbes Second by Alderman McComb

Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Brown, Alderman McComb, Alderman Erbes,

Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: None Motion Carried

Motion: To come out of executive session at 8:22 p.m.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Brown, Alderman McComb, Alderman Erbes,

Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: None Motion Carried

The council authorized/directed our counsel, Mark Brittingham, to make a proposal to the labor lawyer.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Erbes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.